

# The Painswick Beacon

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## Tipping at Catbrain Quarry 'incredibly irresponsible'

Environmental damage caused to Common Land on Painswick Beacon at Catbrain Quarry has been called 'incredibly irresponsible' by Amaury Blow, representing the Painswick Manorship Trust and giving evidence to Painswick Parish Council on 18th July. He also agreed that it was illegal.

The quarry is leased by the Manorship to Meister Masonry. Damage has been caused over a prolonged period by the tipping of spoil across the footpath, which is part of the Cotswold Way, and down the bank alongside it. The result has been the death of many trees, which have then been removed and the bank re-modelled. The area involved is owned by Selina Blow and not included in the lease of the quarry.

A 'method statement' for how the damage is to be repaired has been agreed between various parties including Natural England, Stroud District Council, Meister Masonry and the Painswick Manorship. The quarry owner is required to address the infill of the bank and remove the spoil, as far as this can still be done.

The removal of trees means that the bank would no longer be stable at its original slope and will have to be limited to an angle of 45 degrees. A fence will then be erected to make the boundary clear. Selina Blow said the work must be done by September, but she was pressing for it to be done as soon as possible.



Part of the bank which used to be wooded



Piles of trees that have died and been torn up lie alongside the Cotswold Way

Various other works that have been carried out at the quarry also appear to have been done without the necessary permission. They include the construction of concrete skirts, the foundations for a new building and the creation of a new parking area. Amaury Blow confirmed that some of these works have been done with planning permission, but without the landlord's permission and are in areas not covered by the lease to Meister Masonry. He proposes to negotiate a new lease with the business to cover the entire quarry, which will regularise the position and make the boundaries clear for the future.

The attendance of Amaury and Selina Blow at the Parish Council followed calls for action by local resident Gilly Hill who regularly walks in the area and has become increasingly concerned about the damage being caused.

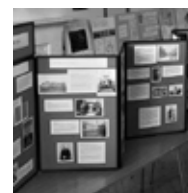
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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the Council meeting on July 18th by Alastair Jollans

Reports upon meetings of the Parish Council cannot help but be selective, if only because of space constraints. We try to highlight points of widest public interest, based upon what we see and hear.

The full minutes of Council and committee meetings are available for scrutiny at the Council's office and on-line at the Parish Council's web site.

A number of items were taken before the start of the formal Parish Council meeting.

### Report by the Painswick Manorship

Amaury Blow and Selina Blow, representing the Painswick Manorship, met with the Council to answer questions relating to work carried out near Catbrain Quarry by Meister Masonry (see front page report).

They were also asked about fencing that had been erected by the house next to 'Beggars Roost' on Golf Course Road. Amaury Blow confirmed that it was common land and fencing was not permitted, although mowing was tolerated on that side of the road. Cllr. Ann Daniels said she believed the fencing was temporary. The Council agreed to write to the house owners asking for it to be removed.

### Presentation

A presentation was made to Carol Novoth, who has been the Neighbourhood Warden covering the Painswick area. As a result of changes to the service (see later in this report) she is being moved away. The Chairman, Cllr Martin Slinger thanked her for her work over a period of several years.

The Clerk, Roy Balgobin, also noted that Irena Litton had now achieved full qualification as a Parish Clerk.

### Questions from the Public

Carolyn Luke of the Painswick Valleys Conservation Society referred to a planning application some months ago at Blakewell Farm for change of use from orchard to garden (S/17/2864 COU). The application was withdrawn after objections, although most of the work had already been done, including levelling the land and sowing a lawn. Despite withdrawal of the application, no enforcement action appeared to have been taken. Cllr. Ann Daniels noted that the Council had not objected to levelling of the land, but was opposed to it being fenced and made into a garden. The clerk said he would refer it to the District Council's Planning Enforcement Officer.

Another local resident asked if action could be taken to repair/ replace the waste bin in the lay-by on the A4173. As the post was at a 45 degree angle, any rubbish put in it tended to fall out, and the bin was in any case too small. District Councillor Nigel Cooper agreed to follow this up.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Roey Parker, Abigail Smith, James Cross, Ed Crownshaw, Dawn Dart, Rosie Nash and Mike Fletcher. There was also an apology from Debbie Collicott, Police Community Support Officer.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th June were approved. There were no matters arising.

### County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Keith Rippington reported that the County Council had recently undergone a peer review, carried out by expert assessors. The problems with the County Council's Children's Services were well known, following last year's OFSTED report. The assessors found no other major issues, but did warn the Council that they must remain focused on Adult Services as well. It was unfortunate that problems in the Fire and Rescue Service emerged very shortly after the Review, leading to the resignation of the Chief Fire Officer. A full internal review into this is now under way, going back to February 2014.

The work on upgrading the Gas Main in Stroud Road / Stamages Lane started late but is now well under way. The next stage of the A46 resurfacing, through to Lower Washwell, is planned from 6th to 22nd August. There will be overnight working, although in the centre of the village, work will not continue beyond midnight (previously stated 11 pm). Parish Councillors asked for work on the troublesome Severn Trent manhole covers in New Street to be dealt with at the same time if possible.

This probably involves installing a hard rubber surround. Cllr. Rippington agreed to follow this up.

Plans for re-aligning / resurfacing the Pitchcombe junction are now almost final. Works are scheduled for the Autumn, with no fixed date yet. The County Council will also review Withymead Lane, with a view to improving the surface at the top, by the Friends Meeting House. They have also noted the missing street light in Vicarage Street, which has been referred to the contractor, Skanska.

### District Councillor's report

Cllr. Nigel Cooper reported that the District Council was consulting on the introduction of parking charges in Nailsworth, Dursley, Wotton and Stratford Park. He would vote against this proposal in Council and thought there was a good chance it would be defeated.

The deal to transfer the Stroud Subscription Rooms from the District Council to Stroud Town Council for a nominal fee, with other supporting financial agreements, had now been settled. Cllr. Cooper believed this was a terrible deal for the taxpayer. On another matter, the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council was retiring in October and a selection process for a new Chief Executive is now under way, with a decision planned for August.

In response to questions, Cllr. Cooper agreed to follow up on a number of issues raised by John Sidwell to do with the Stroud Garden Waste Scheme. He would also see that a long overdue new street nameplate was put up for Vicarage Street, although this would be a modern plate rather than anything similar to the old plate, which went missing a year or more ago. Cllr. Daniels pointed out that there was a sign missing at the junction of Vicarage Street with Beech Lane, as well as at the top of the street.

### District Council Parking Review

The Parish Council agreed to write to the

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District Council opposing the proposed charges, in support of its policy that charges should not apply in small rural towns.

### Speed Limits

Traffic speeds were being monitored on the A4173 through Edge. There was a perception that speeds had increased since the resurfacing work. The ward Councillor for Edge will review local opinion on the need for any changes to speed limits either in Edge village itself or on the A4173 through Edge.

### New Neighbourhood Warden Areas

Changes to the Neighbourhood Warden scheme meant that the number of Wardens in the Stroud Area was being reduced from eight to five. As a result, Carol Novoth was being moved and the new warden with responsibility for Painswick as part of a much larger area, was to be Peter Tiley.

The Parish Council is a stakeholder in the scheme, but was not consulted about the changes. Under the original scheme, Painswick was supposed to have a warden two and a half days a week, but this was clearly no longer possible. The Council agreed to reduce its contribution to the scheme from £800 to £500, in proportion to the reduction in wardens.

### Financial Reports

Payments made since the last meeting were approved, as well as the quarterly income and expenditure statements, which are available on the website.

### Ward Reports

Cllr. Ann Daniels pointed out that the Pullens Road nameplate was damaged and asked for it to be repaired. Cllr. Ian James reported that the Sheepscote Village Hall Trustees now had a new

Chairman. He was also concerned that the area of Common Land on the right as you come up from the Village Hall towards the Church, had still not been cleared. The clerk agreed to follow this up.

Cllr. Rob Lewis referred to a spate of recent calls in the area, claiming to be from BT Internet Services and threatening disconnection within 24 hours. This is a scam to try to gain control of computers / bank accounts.

### Next Meeting

Unless there were any urgent matters, there would be no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting would be on 19th September at 7.30 in the Town Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.



Carol Novoth, Neighbourhood Warden, receives a presentation from Martin Slinger, Chairman of the Parish Council.

## Poppy Appeal Organiser needed

A Poppy Appeal Organiser is needed to coordinate this year's appeal in Painswick. The role can be carried out by an individual or a team of people. We are sure that the people of Painswick would not want the Poppy Appeal to cease in the town after so many years of their very generous support. Last year Painswick raised the marvelous total of £4361.76.

It is particularly poignant as 2018 is a really big year for The Royal British Legion; we will be marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. The Legion is inviting communities to take part in a movement to say 'Thank you' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

The support for our armed forces provided by the Royal British Legion is as relevant today as it was back in the years following the First World War. From Sports-based rehabilitation courses and careers advice to dedicated care homes for older veterans, the Legion is here to ensure every member of the Armed Forces community and their families receive the support they need.

If you would like to find out more about this important role, please contact Nicole Mayall, Community Fundraiser Gloucestershire by emailing [nmayall@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:nmayall@britishlegion.org.uk) or telephone 07884 869597.

*Christine Aplin*



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## Boots, Boots, Boots

Boots-boots-boots-boots-boots-movin' up and down again! Anyone passing the Church Rooms on a recent warm summer's evening might have been surprised to hear this chant, emulating the sound of an infantry column marching, coming through the open windows. Even more surprised to learn that it was made by members of Yew Trees WI enjoying a fascinating talk by Mike Bottomley on the Nobel Prize winning author, Rudyard Kipling.



The talk, peppered throughout by fascinating facts - Rudyard was named after a lake in Staffordshire - covered all aspects of Rudyard's extraordinary life. We learnt of his birth in Mumbai, schooling in England, his return to India (where at the age of 17 he almost single-handedly edited a British-language newspaper), his marriage to an American and their life in Vermont, before making their home in England. And the great sadness of the death of his elder daughter at the age of 6 from pneumonia and of the death of his only son in the First World War at the age of 18, and finally of his work for the Imperial War Graves Commission. However it was Mike's obvious admiration for this extraordinarily hardworking and liberal minded man, illustrated with photographs and readings from his work, together with his upbeat delivery, which so pleased his audience.

There is no 'official' meeting this month but as members missed out on their Christmas gathering which had to be cancelled because of ice and snow, we are having an un-Christmas party in August!

One of our members was delighted when a recent speaker commented on the friendliness of Yew Trees WI and how he imagined it to be the perfect cure for loneliness. So if there are any lonely ladies out there, or any who would enjoy good company and excellent speakers do come along to one of our meetings this autumn when you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. We meet in The Church Rooms at 7.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

*Celia Lougher 812624*

## WI to the Rescue!

Do you remember Saturday July 7th? This was the day that England played Sweden in the recent World Cup and won! It was also the day Yew Trees WI held a cream tea in the Church Rooms. A few days before, when we heard that the match was on and there was also Wimbledon, we almost cancelled it as we feared that everyone would be watching some form of sport. How wrong we were!



Yes many, many people were tethered to their screens but there were still some people walking around Painswick and gasping for a cup of tea in this prolonged heat wave. It would appear that our local watering holes were either not serving tea (maybe there was beer but not everyone wants that mid-afternoon!) or were actually closed (can you believe it!). So it was the WI to the rescue and we provided tea, coffee, squash and of course scones, jam and clotted cream. We also had a range of delicious cakes and a produce stall selling books, fudge, jam and plants. One visiting family had come all the way from Devon for an annual visit and could not believe that the village appeared to be 'closed'. Then they saw our signs and walked into what they described as an oasis of Englishness! Another lady brought her daughter and grandchildren, who live in America, because "there are no WIs in the USA".

As a result, the afternoon was a great success and we made enough money to fund some excellent speakers in the coming few months. Thank you to everyone who helped with the teas and to everyone who supported us. Bearing in mind, the eventual result of the World Cup, perhaps the England team might have won if they had just eaten one of our excellent cream teas - just a suggestion!

*Vicky Aspinall*

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## Spicing up our lives Beyond Katmandu - 4th July.2018

The charming Martin Spice, who currently lives in retirement near Nailsworth saw an advertisement in the Times Educational Supplement for a Head of English at a good school in Katmandu.



Despite having three young children (could we call the 2 females 'the spice girls?'), after serving his notice in his school in England, the whole family upped roots and took up residence in a secondary school, which was very much run on English lines, complete with ties and blazers. The Nepalese king often visited the school.

There was much to learn and much to teach. Katmandu has expanded enormously in the past generation and this is putting pressure on the roads and water is still too dangerous to drink untreated, not helped by recent earthquakes. Tourism in the form of 'hiking' and climbing has contributed enormously to the economy but the presence of altitude sickness is always present.

Life was full for the Spice family and they felt they were making a valuable contribution to raising linguistic standards, however after 3 years, a move was felt necessary.

This was followed by spells of teaching in Malaysia, Laos, Cambodia and Borneo. all had their high and low spots, but for me, the presence of 3 cobras in a back corridor of the Spices' house sounds quite daunting.

All quite an adventure for the whole family disseminating and improving young people's command of English. For those with travel wish lists, Martin particularly thought that a visit to Lhasa was the high spot of a trip of several years. Altogether a valuable and interesting insight to a corner of the world not many of us have been to - Katmandu and Nepal famous for its mountains and ghurka soldiers.

On the 18th July there was a successful members and partners buffet at the hill in Stroud. The autumn season commences on September the 5th 10am for 10.30 with a talk by Mike Rennel on 18th century courtesans, good time girls and fashions.

*Somerset Moore, vice president.*

## Richmond Summer Fayre Friday 3rd August 3 - 5 pm

Join staff and residents at Richmon Painswick for a fantastic afternoon of entertainment at the annual Summer Fayre. It starts at 3pm - 5pm on Friday 3rd August with lots of stalls, refreshments and entertainment from Skiffle Band, 'The Proper Nanas'. We will also have a raffle in aid of Muscular Dystrophy.

*Jay Dexter*

## Music Appreciation Group

The 31st Season of the PMAG will commence on 13th September 2018 in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. On this occasion the distinguished guest speaker will be Michael Trott who has just published a magnificent biography of Hubert Parry. The centenary of the death of this important figure in English music is commemorated this year. Visitors will be most welcome to this session without any admission fee.



During the 31st Season the Group will be including in its fortnightly sessions illustrated talks on aspects of the music of Mozart, Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Debussy, Stravinsky and Bernstein. There will be presentations on Stradivarius and adagios.

New members and occasional visitors to the club are assured of a warm welcome from the current membership that share a mutual love of and enthusiasm for classical music. Further information may be obtained from Howard Allen, the chairman of the PMAG. Tel: 01452 812638.

*Howard Allen*

## Arts Society Exhibition

The Arts Society Painswick (formerly PADFAS) is celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) on September 22nd /23rd with an Art Exhibition. We have chosen the title "Nature's Golden Moments" as our theme for this event at The Museum in the Park, Stroud.



We have a very varied and interesting collection of members' paintings, photographs, tapestries, embroidery etc. with delightful art works from the children at Croft School and some Gloucestershire Young Carers. These were created in their workshops assisted by professional community artists.

There will also be an All Age Workshop, encouraged by the friendly artists, a Children's Trail through the garden, and we will have special items created by the Croft children and the Young Carers for sale, and will serve light refreshments.

The Exhibition will be held at the Museum in the Park in Stratford Park on September 22nd/23rd from 11 am - 4pm. Entry is free. Telephone 01453 763394. Please make a note of these dates and come along and support this event, and see the very interesting display of talent on show. We look forward to welcoming you. Enquiries to Vivien Barr on 01242 520637

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Martin Falshaw and his wife, Emma, have just opened their business, Town & Country Financial Planning, in New Street. Unlike many large corporate companies, theirs is a completely independent family business providing a personal advice service for individual clients. This means it is not restricted by company interests and is there solely to cater for individual needs. The service covers taking instructions for wills and lasting power of attorney, inheritance tax planning, investment and savings strategies, retirement planning and funeral planning. This is very much a local and family business. In essence it is about individual and family help, no corporate clients, and tailored to help each client according to personal needs.

The beautifully refurbished and renovated premises, previously the woodcraft shop, provide the first and only office for the Falshaw's business. Martin is a fully qualified financial advisor, Emma the practice manager and Ian Hicks the other qualified financial advisor. The office is ideal offering a welcoming reception area, working office space and a comfortable consulting room. Behind the reception desk is a specially commissioned picture by local artist Anthony Lewis Churchill.

The Falshaws live in Paradise and daughter, Jemima, attends the Croft School. Martin, a graduate of Cardiff University, explains that with several years experience working in actuarial and administrative positions with large insurance companies, he realised that "... you only really help people by telling them how they could improve their current and future circumstances," and this he was not then in a position to do. He started his own business in 2010, moved to a tiny office in Stroud and at last has the opportunity in Painswick



to set up his own on-street premises. For Martin this is ideal. Equipped with the knowledge and insight gained through his company experience, he can now help people face-to-face with their individual needs.

This service is there for people of all ages and all financial circumstances. As much as anything, it is about peace of mind. Martin, who is indeed very approachable, is certainly enthusiastic about providing knowledgeable help for Painswick residents and he is happy for anyone to simply call in to the office for a chat to find out more.

*Carol Maxwell*

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# The Royal William – well worth a visit

The Royal William on the A46 is an attractive building of seemingly modest proportions. Step inside however and there is the surprise – it is remarkably spacious with both a large ground floor and first floor public area. It is also very welcoming, friendly, local and truly interesting in more ways than one.

Gareth Chapman (pictured) has been the manager for the past year and with a wealth of experience in hospitality work he is very enthusiastic about developing the service offered at the Royal William. In July a family fun day was held in the paddock which raised money for St James City Farm, a very worthwhile children’s charity. Farm animals were brought up from the farm and the children loved the whole event. The paddock is a great recreational area especially for children and dogs.

On 18th and 19th August a beer and cider festival will take place in aid of the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton Court. Entry is free, there will be tribute acts all day on Saturday and local bands on Sunday, all offering their services free, and donation points for the charity around the premises. ‘It will be a huge occasion,’ says Gareth ‘aiming to raise as much as possible for the cause.’ He also points out that with a large function room upstairs, the considerable series of bar



The Royal William - Now and Then



areas on the ground floor, a patio area, beer garden and paddock outside, the Royal William is ideal to host such events. ‘We like to use the space to raise awareness of charities like Sue Ryder,’ he explains.

With a definite family-friendly and relaxed atmosphere, the pub also offers excellent food. Using locally sourced ingredients the meals are all home cooked and are served every day from 12 noon until 9.00pm. There are also many local beers. It is a justifiably popular venue too for events, parties and other special occasions.

Gareth is aware of the significant location of the pub both now and in the past. He has compiled a fascinating history and is more than happy to both show customers round the building and to discuss the history and relate the many stories about it. ‘I’ve really enjoyed researching the history of the place,’ he says, and his research has certainly resulted in a rich and fascinating story. He has produced illustrated leaflets – and updates with any new information and pictures - which he is happy to give to interested customers.

The Royal William is definitely worth a visit, friendly, relaxed and offering excellent and interesting service. Do go along to the beer festival and have great fun whilst supporting a very worthy cause.

*Carol Maxwell*

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## News from St Mary's

August is traditionally a holiday month so usually there is not much to report in the way of news. Being a holiday time we expect extra visitors viewing both the church and the village. It is interesting just to look at the visitors' book in the church to see the many different parts of the world our visitors come from.



The hot dry summer weather this year reminds me of 1976 when it was equally dry and hot. The grass turned brown and cereal crops were harvested early. The weather broke then during the August Bank Holiday weekend. Will that pattern be repeated this year I wonder?

Cranham Church celebrate the Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 12th August. There will be a special service in the church at 3pm which will be led by Revd Andrew Leach. The preacher will be Fr Mark Hargreaves.

I mentioned the celebration of marriage weekend last month. This will take place over the weekend of 25th to 27th of this month. There will be an exhibition of wedding dresses in the church and a special thanksgiving for marriage service in St Mary's on Sunday 26th August at 3pm. All who wish to celebrate their marriage are invited to view the exhibition and attend the special service. Tea will be served after the service.

Our Archdeacon of Gloucester The Venerable Jackie Searle has been promoted to be the Bishop of Crediton in Devon. We congratulate Jackie on this appointment and wish her God's blessing on her future ministry. Meanwhile we thank her for her ministry in this diocese. This will feature in a thanksgiving service in the Cathedral on 4th September at 7pm.

*David Newell*

## PSALMS in action The Pulse Games and a BBQ



This month has been as busy as ever for PSALMS and the young people in the local area, but just to give a small taste of how we are using sport to bring together local schools and young people, here are a couple of stories from last month.

On 10th July, PSALMS brought all 3 local Beacon Schools together for a morning titled 'The Pulse Games'. 114 children spent the entire morning playing different sports, competing for different nations and learning about the word 'Perseverance'. It's so important that young children learn to persevere in life whatever is put before them, and with the help of the local school and church volunteers many started to put it into practice within sports they weren't comfortable in. After all, many of us at PSALMS understand that faith is a journey, and through learning about biblical truths the young people can be encouraged to grow up with a heart to serve those around them.

Everyone loves a barbecue, and so for our last Youth Club of the term 'Club Pulse' ran a BBQ not only for the young people, but for the parents also. It just happened to be on a day when a little drizzle occurred, but everyone soldiered on nevertheless and we had about 45 people sharing in community and celebrating the brilliance of the young people. The youth & community centre continues to be the base for the youth club, which

will start again on 10th September. As people who are passionate about developing young people, and giving them an opportunity to discover faith and purpose, PSALMS will continue to seek new ways for them all to serve in the Beacon area – so if you have any pressing ideas please do send them to me (Nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net)

*Nathan Youlton*



The Pulse Games

## Sheepscombe Road Closures

A rolling programme of road closures will start from 13th August affecting the Sheepscombe area and across to Bulls Cross and Greenhouse Lane. This is to allow installation of fibre for broadband under the Fastershire programme.

Looking further ahead there is also likely to be a road closure in central Sheepscombe for drainage works from October 22nd to 26th (half term week). Confirmation and more details are expected nearer the time.

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# Painswick's museum needs you

Five years ago John Ashton Beer re-opened the doors of Christ Church in Gloucester Street as a gallery and museum housing the Ashton Beer Collection, a very impressive array of Arts and Crafts furniture. Carefully displayed to take advantage of this lovely building, there are excellent examples of William Morris' work and of C.R.Ashbee's chairs, together with other furniture and some textiles and decorative arts. It is an exceptional collection covering the best of the Arts and Crafts designers from much of the 19th and all of the 20th centuries.

Painswick was for several decades a lively centre of the movement with artists and craftsmen and women resident here. It is therefore fitting that this collection should be exhibited here and Christ Church is the perfect space to house it especially with the beautiful Burne-Jones window overlooking the whole.

At present the gallery unfortunately has very limited opening hours and John is keen to extend these times. He asks therefore if anyone would like to volunteer as a steward in order that this excellent facility can be open more often. This museum is potentially a great asset for Painswick and would surely attract many visitors.

If you would like to volunteer as a steward you can contact John by telephone on 078289 30050 or email him [ashtonbeercollection@gmail.com](mailto:ashtonbeercollection@gmail.com)

*Carol Maxwell*



## Clypping Service 16th September 2018 at 3.00pm

The Clypping Service this year will take place at St. Mary's Church on the 16th September. This is a week earlier than planned due to Art Couture Painswick holding their celebration for obtaining a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at Rococo Gardens on the 23rd September. This is a tremendous achievement for them. The Clypping service will also not be held as part of the Painswick Feast as the management committee for this event have made a decision not to hold it this year.

It would be good for the people of Painswick to support the Ancient Tradition of 'Clypping' which has been held at Painswick Church for many years. The word 'Clypping' means 'embracing the church'. We would like to see as many children and their families as possible helping us all to form one big circle around the church and singing St Mary's Patronal hymn.

Some of the 'Messy Church' team which normally runs on a weekday once a month for the children who live in Painswick and surrounding villages will be assisting children in making fresh flower headbands for the girls and buttonholes for the boys before the service starts from 2.00pm. We hope to have members of the 'Open the Book' team presenting a re-enactment of a familiar bible reading where all are involved.

There will be an accompanying local band playing for the service, the normal Clypping Buns and a 50p will be given to all children. Cream teas will be available for everyone after the service in the churchyard if the weather is good or in the Church Rooms. Please come and help us celebrate this wonderful service.

*Margaret Radway and Sue Welbourn, Churchwardens*

## Wedding Dress Exhibition

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Painswick St. Mary's Church will be holding a Wedding Dress Exhibition. This will take place in the church from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday 25th August and on Monday 27th, and from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday 26th.



At 3pm on the Sunday afternoon there will be a Service of Celebration at St. Mary's during which people can renew their wedding vows if they wish.

Many of the dresses on display at St. Mary's were worn by local ladies and wherever possible the exhibits include an original photograph taken on the special day. Floral displays and other memorabilia will be used to complement and enhance the wedding dresses.

The Painswick exhibition is being enthusiastically supported by House of Fraser Cheltenham, who have kindly agreed to provide mannequins and professional advice. Entrance is free so please come along and see for yourself how wedding day fashion has changed over the decades.

*Frieda Bacon*



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## Drought!

For some parts of the country this has become the driest summer on record. The Beacon is absolutely parched and I fear the wildlife is suffering. I haven't seen as many different orchids this year, after the cold wet spring they all seemed to come at once and then with the extreme heat seemed to disappear very quickly. Other plants have flowered and set seed in quick succession.

There don't seem to have been as many butterflies as last year, however on the morning of the 19th July I saw dozens of chalkhill blues by the cemetery. I hope they can breed successfully as the horseshoe vetch, which is their caterpillars' food plant, has set seed already.

The cows are back onto the Beacon paddock 2, the southern ramparts above the Cotswold Way, for the start of August and when they have grazed that area will be moved to paddock 3 above the Gloucester Road at the Madams Wood end. This area hasn't been grazed for four years and the cattle will be able to access some of the areas we have recently cleared.

Work Parties are due to start again at 9.00 am on Sat 1st Sept. and will be fortnightly after then until Christmas. Make this the season to come and try some conservation work, it is hugely rewarding. We will supply guidance and tools.

The cowslip growing has gone well and we will certainly have 500+ plants to put out later in the year once the ground is wet again. Perhaps some new faces would like to help do this.

*Paul Baxter 07971 633242*



## Jottings The heat goes on

Farmers who are under some of the schemes for the protection of flora and wildlife are not allowed under government legislation to mow their pastures for hay or silage until the 5th of July. In most years this works very well, but this year it is more difficult. The very hot and sunny weather means that all the goodness has gone from the grass and flora, leaving very little food value in the grass to feed the livestock next winter, and cooking solid some of the seeds from the flora so they will not regrow next year.

The hot weather also means that livestock is grazing dried grass of little food value. It may look green, but the animals must feel like they are grazing straw. If this weather goes on we will be forced to feed next winter's fodder now. Animals are now looking for shade away from the heat, drinking large amounts of water and starting to graze at night time when it is cooler. The next problem will be the bedding down of our animals next winter with straw. Because the ground is so dry, the length of the straw is shorter which means not so many bales per acre. The price of straw is going to rise, but the thing is, you need it for bedding almost whatever the cost. A lot of farmers are now looking at other means of bedding down their stock.

There are problems with harvesting too. Rape seed is coming out of the combine with a moisture level of 4% that makes it unsaleable for oil (the seed itself is like a solid marble). It needs to be of a higher moisture content to roll for the oil. Early barley is coming in at about 11% moisture, but the seed is hot and is needing big fans to cool it down.

Because of the very dry weather, farm buildings are being attacked by large flocks of crows trying to find food. They are very good at finding the smallest hole in the building to get in looking for any kind of animal feed. What are badgers and other small animals living on? There are no worms or slugs about, so they too are suffering from the heat. We are putting out big trays of water for the birds - they just love it, drinking or jumping in for a good wash.

When the rain does come, we need a lot of showers just to make everything revive. There are so many large cracks in the ground now that are wide enough for a sheep to break a leg in, or even a small child.

*Martin Slinger*

## The Croft School

At the end of another successful school year at the Croft, Rebecca Gore, the headteacher, has reported to parents on the huge variety of activities carried out at the school. As well as academic achievements, the school is very active in sport, music and other creative arts, and involved in the local community. Over the last year children at The Croft have raised around £1,790 for various good causes.



A tug of war at the Croft School Summer Fair on 14th July

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# Ashwell Wednesdays - rewarding for everyone

## Can you help?

The Wednesday Ashwell Group provides activities and companionship for older people, mostly living on their own and with few other opportunities to get out. It is a friendly group, meeting at Ashwell every Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm and entirely run by



Above: Members often enjoy art and craft activities in the afternoon.

Right: Time for a sing along at Christmas.



volunteers. Members are brought in with the help of a team of volunteer drivers and assisted throughout the day by volunteer helpers working in two shifts. Helpers organise activities and exercises as well as quieter periods of conversation and cups of tea, and serve a lunch provided by local caterers. There are occasional trips out and special events and lots of small causes for celebration.

The group has existed in Painswick for many years and has several longstanding helpers, but with people moving on, it relies on new people coming in as well. There is a particular need at the moment for more helpers who are willing to join the rota for a three hour session every two or three weeks, from 9.30 to 12.30, or from 12.30 to 3.30. But the rota is flexible

and even if you can only help once a month, it would be much appreciated. The members of the group look forward to their Wednesdays and are very appreciative of the help they get. Volunteer helpers too enjoy the day and find the experience rewarding. If you can help at all, please contact Sandra Glass on 814186 or on 07816 975112.

## A Perfect End to an Amazing Year!

### Gardening club is thriving

A short AGM highlighted our transition over the years to becoming what is now a thriving gardening club with a healthy set of accounts. We enjoy superb speakers, by appointment garden visits and our most recent ventures included the brilliant "Audience with James Alexander-Sinclair" and our Chatsworth Show Garden Plant Sale. We also took this opportunity to thank Muriel Mann, the person whose enthusiasm brought together our unique band of committee members. Although stepping down from the committee, we are fortunate that she has agreed to continue with her memorable speaker introductions.



Following the above we had the most hilarious evening with Ione Woodger-Smith. Ione showed us how to produce beautiful hand tied bouquets using flowers cut from the garden. Her years of experience as a gifted florist were apparent and the running commentary that accompanied the demonstration was as informative as it was brilliantly funny. Her return visit in December, to demonstrate how to make Christmas table decorations, is not to be missed!

We start our 2018/19 gardening year on Wednesday 11th September with a talk by Samantha Hope "Winter in Bloom". Doors will open at 6:45pm to allow time to renew subscriptions (£18 payable to Painswick Gardening Club) and enjoy coffee/tea and homemade cakes before the talk begins at 7:30pm. Enjoy a wonderful summer!

*Debbie Grey (committee member)*

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*Penelope Govett of Friday Street writes:*  
Who and why was the magnificent umbellifer on my front doorstep cut down between 24-29 June without so much as a by your leave?



## The Smokey Mountain Boys

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## A Family Friendly Oasis

August is always a busy month at the Garden. With the summer holidays in full swing, our attention turns to family activities. To complement the Garden's recently-extended rustic play area in the Hidden Hollow, we have an ingenious new trail for children created by local illustrator Hannah Shaw.



“The Garden of Lost Things” is an exciting sticker trail which finishes with every participant winning a prize. With facts to find around the Garden and beautifully-illustrated clues, it's got to be a winner for all the family. Young adventurers will set out on a journey to all corners of the land of Rococo. Their mission is to help Snowdrop Bunny find all the items her friends have lost around the Garden. Along the way they will learn some fascinating facts about the animals that call this wonderful and tranquil place home. “The Garden of Lost Things” runs until 2nd September and is free of charge (normal admission applies).

The hot and dry weather of June and July has been kind on the garden in its hidden valley. Its natural springs have kept the pools topped up and helped irrigate the garden. Produce in the Kitchen Garden has ripened incredibly quickly and the Rococo Café team have been baking, cooking and creating all sorts of delights using ingredients sourced directly from the garden. Blackcurrants, gooseberries, redcurrants and rhubarb have been turned into cakes and bakes, and any surplus is sold to lucky visitors from our produce trolley.

There's still time to book for The Three Musketeers over the August Bank Holiday on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th at 3.30pm. Performed by local theatre company IK Productions, you will be transported to France by three dashing heroes. Expect plenty of sword fights, subterfuge and quick-witted performances. Bring a picnic and enjoy the Garden at its best. Tickets include access to the Garden and are on sale from [www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk).

*Tim Toghill, volunteer and trustee*



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# Painswick's History Exhibition

Over the weekend of 14th/15th July we opened the doors of the Town Hall to our biennial exhibition.

We had many visitors including a couple from New Zealand searching for a family "Ludgrove" who they believed had lived in Painswick. A couple from Surrey seeking St Andrews in New Street where the wife's mother had lived as an evacuee during WW2 and information given about 2 sisters who were evacuated to Holcombe Farm stimulated renewed interest in the subject of evacuees.

A new theme for this exhibition was "The role of women between the Wars" which aimed to pick upon the activities and achievements of local women and the influence they had upon both the local area or further afield. Other new themes were "Gardens of Painswick" and the "History of Painswick houses". Our selected gardens extended from the grand to the purely functional but it was the gardens at the functional end of the scale which seemed to generate most interest.

Whilst these issues drew a lot of attention, comments and questions, there is little doubt that for the second exhibition running the matter which drew most public attention was the records detailing 'Painswick's Criminal Past'. These records cover the crimes recorded in the area during the 18th and 19th centuries, looking at over 1900 criminal cases. It was the range of offences which resulted in transportation which seemed to surprise many. There was usually at least one visitor and often more looking through these files and checking 'Were my ancestors involved?' to which the reply was usually 'yes'.

It was satisfying to find that a large proportion of visitors made constructive comments about the various displays and pleasing that some were able to add useful information to our researched material. Additionally, there were others who wanted to talk about the history of their own houses and how they might start researching



Apart from work by Society members we also had the benefit of a loan of war time memorabilia by Kit Milner, an 11-year-old pupil just completing his final year at Croft School. Kit's display in a glass case was inspiring and very professional. Additionally, the Croft School itself contributed art and craft work reflecting the influence of the Romans on the area. This work formed an excellent and beautiful display. The childrens display area was completed by work undertaken by children of the Saturday afternoon art club.

*Harold Clark*

## Roadworks Reminder

From 6th to 22nd August (excluding weekends) the A46 will be closed for resurfacing every night from 7pm to 7am between Pitchcombe and just above Lower Washwell. Work within the village itself should be completed by midnight each night to minimise disruption to residents.

It will be possible to cross the A46 from Pullens Road to Lower Washwell and to exit onto the A46 northwards from both roads, but there will be no other access across or onto the work section. Road closure notices will be in place at Brockworth and Pitchcombe to prevent through traffic, but it will still be possible to go through these notices for access only. Drivers may be asked for the address they are travelling to.



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# Sports reports

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## Cricket Club First team on top

Painswick CC are currently sitting on top of County League Division One in what appears to be a three horse race. Recent victories over Lydney, Cam and Chipping Sodbury have proven that the club are one of the top performers in this very tough league. We are therefore in the running for championship titles and promotion.



The first team, ably led by Jack Hobbis, has fielded well and shown good spirit in some very tight encounters. A couple of people to highlight, James Harber for his abrasive batting and pacey bowling, Luke Woolway for his consistent batting and superb wicket keeping and also George Macduff who has improved greatly this season scoring a number of vital knocks whilst opening the batting.

The club now approaches a vital time, only 4-5 games remain with everything to play for.

On the youth front the season has been a good one, excellent training nights, many games completed and many parents and volunteers attending matches. All in all a fantastic time for all.

Please, if you do fancy a wander down to Broadham there will always be a game on a Saturday in the afternoon to enjoy until early September. Best wishes for the holidays.

Steve Pegram

## Tennis

The annual ladies charity tennis lunch took place earlier in July at Broadham. 32 ladies from Painswick, Cirencester, Cam and Dursley, Chalford and Oxstalls played excellent tennis on a beautiful hot sunny day. Another 4 ladies joined us for lunch of cold salmon and salads, and an array of home made sweets and wine .



The tournament was won by Carole Smith from Painswick and runner up was Ann Ashcroft from Cirencester. Ask Sal was also there with her huge selection of tennis clothing and together with her donation, we made a brilliant sum of £538, which will go to Sue Ryder, Leckhampton .

Joan Griffiths

Below: Ask Sal's boutique



## Badminton

The Annual Badminton summer BBQ took place in excellent weather this year with the evening starting off with games of garden golf and croquet which were then followed by the usual bring your own food for the three BBQs placed around the garden.



The new season starts on Monday 3rd September and the Club is always ready to welcome new members. Those interested in giving Badminton a try should contact John Wylde on 814349

Left: Members of the Badminton club relax.



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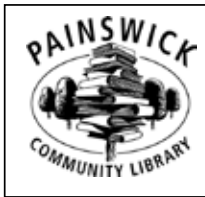
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## Library News Mischief Makers

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the national charity The Reading Agency. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage children (aged four to eleven) to read any six books of their choice during the summer holidays keeping up their reading skills and confidence over the long summer break. Every year there's a different theme. The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 is called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.



Why not pop along to Painswick Community Library during the summer holidays – the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read their six books? We will register your child for the Challenge and give them some fun materials to get them started. We have some great new children's books recently added to our stock here at Painswick.

## Recent Additions

### Fiction

Clinton, President Bill and Patterson, James – The President is Missing; Connelly, Michael – Two Kinds of Truth – the new Harry Bosch thriller; Day, Elizabeth – The Party – thrilling Richard and Judy Book Club Pick 2018; Goddard, Robert – Panic Room; Harkaway, Nick – Gnomon – set in a possible near-future Britain; Mackintosh, Clare – Let Me Lie – number one Sunday Times bestseller; Morris, Heather – The Tattooist of Auschwitz – the heart breaking best seller.

### Non Fiction

Attenborough, Sir David – Adventures of a Young Naturalist; Haig, Matt – Notes on a Nervous Planet; Lewis-Stempel, John – The Wood – the Life and Times of Cockshutt Wood; The Secret Barrister – Stories of the law and how it's broken.  
Happy Reading.

*Pat Pinnegar*

## Kim's summer classes – of benefit to so many



Throughout August Kim Brockett will be running yoga and meditation classes in both Painswick and Sheepscombe. This of course is of great benefit to those who attend especially as it is all too easy to slacken off a little in the summer when otherwise regular exercise classes are not running. The emphasis of the yoga sessions will be on back care, a healthy spine and revitalising the body's energy. The meditation classes are for complete beginners and will involve a mixture of techniques both sitting and walking.

The classes have a further beneficial purpose in that a donation from each class will be given to the Live to Love charity. This not-for-profit organisation is still working hard to rebuild homes and community centres for those thousands of people who were affected by the earthquake in the Himalayas three years ago. The devastation was horrific and the work to restore healthy living environments is still ongoing.

The Sheepscombe classes, in the Village Hall, are on Mondays 6th and 13th August at 7.30pm for yoga and 9.00pm for meditation. The Painswick classes, in the Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre, are on Thursdays 2nd and 9th August and Fridays 17th and 24th August at 9.30am for yoga and 11.00am for meditation. The classes are open to both old and new students. Everyone is welcome.

*Carol Maxwell*

## Artburst Painswick 2019



Many of you will know that Painswick has been a centre for the Arts for many years, always holding events and exhibitions during the summer months. In 2009 the very first 'Painswick Arts Festival' (now Artburst) brought it all together and it was held yearly up to 2015, after which we decided to alternate with the popular 'Art Couture Painswick', so the last event was in 2017. Sadly 2018 has been the first time in 9 years that there has been no big Summer Arts Event held in Painswick.

But have no fear! Artburst will be back this time next year! The next Artburst event will be held over 10 days from 16th to 26th August 2019, to include the August Bank Holiday weekend. We have already started planning exhibitions and events in and around Painswick but at this early stage would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. What would you like Artburst to be next year? We hope you remember Artburst 2017, which was our biggest and best event so far. We had fabulous feedback from near and far, which you can read for yourself on our website at [www.artburstpainswick.co.uk](http://www.artburstpainswick.co.uk)

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in 2019. You may be an artist who would like to exhibit for the first time, or perhaps you know a suitable venue not used before? You may prefer to become a sponsor for 2019, or to put your name down as a volunteer? Volunteering can be as wide ranging as joining our planning committee, sitting in on an exhibition, putting up a poster, or helping distribute brochures etc. We know it seems a long way ahead but time rushes on and we would love to hear from you if you think you can give us any support at all.

If you have participated before and would like to do so again, let us know now and we can put you on our contact list to receive more information. You can drop a letter into the Painswick Centre addressed to me at Artburst Painswick '19, or email us at our new address: [artburstpainswick1@gmail.com](mailto:artburstpainswick1@gmail.com)

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# Travels with the Cotteswold Naturalists



We hope to repeat the success of our Derbyshire spring trip, with an autumn tour of the Chilterns and Hertfordshire, 12th to 14th September. On our outward journey, we stop at Dunstable's medieval Priory and Shaw's Corner. A full day in St Albans will include the Cathedral, the city's new Museum and the Roman ruins at Verulamium, guided by Churches expert Dr Stephen Blake. On our last day, we visit the fabulous Hatfield House, where gardens were laid out by John Tradescant the Elder, who introduced trees and plants unknown in England. We stay in St Albans City Premier Inn. Some places are still available, so non-members are welcome. For further details contact me or the organiser David Thackray, tel. 01453 873 262.

Also linking to the Derbyshire visit, we welcome back Gillian White to our meeting on Wednesday 5th September at 2.30 pm. She will talk about William Cavendish, the First Duke of Devonshire and builder of Chatsworth. Although the Duke was described as 'the most dissolute man in England', he had a hand in 'the Glorious Revolution', a turning point in history.

Looking ahead, the Club has cabins reserved on a 10-day 'British Isles Discovery' cruise starting 5th May 2019 on the CMV classic ship the 'Columbus'. Starting and finishing at Tilbury Docks, the route includes islands – the Scillies, Guernsey, Mull, Skye and Orkney – and cities - Amsterdam, Dublin, and Honfleur, France. Contact Peter Wilson 01453 834 486.

Jane Rowe 813228

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## PROPERTY REPORT Now written by Beacon Staff

New onto the market in Painswick this month are properties ranging from around £250,000 to well over a million. Church Mews, 5b Stroud Road (Moulton Haus, £250,000), a two bedroom terraced house with off road parking, is part of the recently converted Painswick Library (and before that the School). 14 Canton Acre (Hamptons, offers around £320,000) is a more modern 3 bedroom semi-detached family home.

At the other end of the market there is Little Gables in the Highlands (Hamptons, £1,150,000). Highfield at Longridge was briefly available through Hamptons at £1.2 million, before quickly going under offer, but Edgewood, another Longridge property with stunning views over Painswick, is still available (Murrays, £850,000).

There are two large 6 bedroom houses on Gloucester Street currently available. Highfield House (Hamptons, £1,350,000) is a substantial house with lots of period charm and character. Ashleigh (Moulton Haus, £1,350,000), just a little further down the street, is spacious and stylish, with its own garden studio perfect for artists or authors. Alternatively, Honeysuckle Lodge on Knapp Lane (Murrays, £950,000) is a contemporary open plan style family house.

Period cottages include 3 Court Cottages in Butt Green

(Hamptons, £575,000) and Stables Cottage in Hale Lane (Moulton Haus, £695,000), while in Sheepscombe, the Wool Barn at Far End (Murrays, £880,000) blends period ambience with modern style.

Properties recently going under offer include 10 Gyde House, 14 Canton Acre, 21 Upper Washwell and the old Fire Station in Pullens Road. In Vicarage Street, Moulton Haus have sold Inglenook Cottage, and at the Park, Chestnut Cottage has gone under offer through Murrays. Hamptons report three properties sold this month even before formal marketing, including The Lantern in Kingsmead and Carsebreck in Kingsmill Lane, while Murrays saw Greenstede in Castle Close go under offer within a couple of days of marketing. Painswick's property market still seems buoyant.

New agent James Pyle, based up at the Surgery, hosted a successful launch evening at the Butchers Arms in Sheepscombe for two new build properties being built in the village. Murrays are looking forward to sponsoring ArtSpace in their move to the Rococo Gardens, and we welcome Bella Pascal who joined Moulton Haus as their new negotiator in July. For Hamptons, the Eventing Festival at Gatcombe Park from 3 – 5 August is a major event that they are sponsoring and they would be happy to welcome you to their enclosure.

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Mondays	Short Mat Bowls. Contact 812464	Town Hall	10.30am & 2.00pm
	Yoga. Contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Vill. Hall	6.30 - 8.00pm & 8.15pm
	Painswick Community choir. Contact Sophie 01453 298138	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 8.30pm
	Have your Say - contact Rev. Roger Leigh 536325	Church Rooms	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Painswick Singers Choir - contact Jean Jones 813545	Richmond Village	7.30 - 9.30pm
	Pilates - Heidi Hardy. Enquiries 07970262538 heidihardyuk@yahoo.co.uk	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.00-10.15am and 10.15- 11.30am
	Ballyhoo Dance and Theatre School - all ages. Contact Heidi Hardy 07970 262538 ballyhoochalford@gmail.com	Church Rooms	4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesdays	Painswick Art Club	Church Rooms	9.30am
	Gentle Pilates for all. Contact Vicky at abcpilates@internet.com or 07934977171	Painswick Centre	9.30 - 10.30am
	Zumba Gold dance fitness for Seniors £6.50 pp. Contact 07766101790	Painswick Centre	10.00am
	Bingo	Ashwell House	6.30 - 9.00pm
	Rococo Sprites - Nature Connections. For Toddlers - during term time	Rococo Gardens	10.00am
	Nia Holistic Fitness	Town Hall	6.00 - 7.00pm
	Drawing classes ( Oct-Nov) Contact Lucinda 07950 930005	Highpoint Studio Golf Course Road,	10.30 - 12.30pm
Wednesdays	Botanical Illustration classes - mornings or afternoons. Prebook 07810 725772	Painswick Golf Club	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm
	Yoga - contact Kim 812623	Sheepscombe Village Hall	9.30 - 11.00am & 1.00 - 3.30pm Afternoons
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176	Recreation Ground	7.00pm-8.00pm
	Painswick Bootcamp	Painswick Centre	7.00 - 9.00pm
	Table tennis	Cotswold Room, Painswick Centre	9.30 - 11.00am
Thursdays	Yoga - all abilities	Town Hall	9.30am
	T'ai chi. Contact 812344	Church Rooms	9.30 - 12.00pm
	Dog training club.		Mornings
	Art class (oils) - contact Jane 812176		Afternoons
	Art class (watercolours) - contact Jane 812176		
	Jolly Stompers Line Dancing: Beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.00 - 1.00pm
	Jolly Stompers Line dancing: Experienced beginners. Contact Julie 01453 752480	Town Hall	12.30 - 1.30pm
Fridays	New Pilates class. Contact Nicola 07870 953159 or nmarshes@hotmail.com	Painswick Centre	
	Fit Mammias (until August 30)	Recreation Ground	11.00 - 11.45am
	Country market. Coffee available	Town Hall	9.30 - 11.00am
Saturdays	Baby and toddler group - term time only	Youth Pavillion (Rec)	10.00 - 11.30am
	Artspace Painswick	Town Hall	2.00 - 3.30 pm

**August**

Fri	3	Richmond summer fayre	Richmond Village	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Sat	4	Music for a Summer's Day: Song recital by Chris Hall (Baritone) and Robert Burgess (Piano)	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	4	Picnic in the Park: Bring a picnic and enjoy the fun	Rococo Garden	6.30pm - 9.30pm
	4	<b>August Beacon published</b>		



Sun	5	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	5	Holy communion and baptism	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Wed	8	Brilliant Butterflies and Buzzing Bees: Butterfly Conservation	Rococo Garden	10.30am - 3.00pm
Sat	11	Coffee morning in aid of Stroud and District Mencap Society	Town Hall	10.00am - 12.30pm
Sun	12	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	12	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Sun	19	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	19	Parish Communion	St Mary's Church	9.30am
Mon	20	<b>Deadline for Beacon Copy</b>		
Wed	22	Cotteswold Naturalists visit to the iron Age Sisters Long Barrow excavations. Enq.813228 for directions		7pm
	22	Evening prayer	St Mary's Church	5.00pm
Thur	23	Cotteswold Naturalists Coach trip to SS Great Britain & Being Brunel Museum. Enq 01453 834486	Stamages Car Park	
Sat	25	Exhibition of wedding dresses	St Mary's Church	10.00 till 5.00pm
Sun	26	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
	26	Painswick Praise	St Mary's Church	9.30am
	26	Service of Thanksgiving for Marriage	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
	26	Exhibition of wedding dresses	St Mary's Church	11.00 till 5.00pm
	26	IK Productions: The Three Musketeers	Rococo Garden	3.30pm
Mon	27	IK Productions: The Three Musketeers	Rococo Garden	3.30pm
	27	Exhibition of wedding dresses	St Mary's Church	10.00 till 5.00pm
Tues	28	Yew Trees WI: Un Christmas supper	Church Rooms	7.00 for 7.30pm
Fri	31	PSALMS prayer group	St Mary's Church	9.00am

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	1	Painswick Beacon Conservation Group working party	To be confirmed	9.00am -12.30pm
Sun	2	Mass	Catholic Church	8.30am
Wed	5	Cotteswold Naturalists: First Duke of Devonshire & Chatsworth. Gillian White. Enq. 01453 873262	Painswick Centre	2.30pm
	5	Painswick Probus: Mike Rendell. 18th century courtesans - good time girls and fashion icons	Painswick Centre	10.00am

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# PLANNING MATTERS

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## NEW APPLICATIONS

S.18/1337/LBC **LOVEDAYS HOUSE**, St Marys Street  
Removal of redundant chimney and greenhouse and erection of retaining wall at rear of house.

S.18/1336/HHOLD **ABBEY BARN**, Slad Lane  
New extension.

S.18/1153/FUL **LAND ADJOINING GREENACRES**, Cheltenham Road  
Erection of a dwelling.

S.18/1505/HHOLD **IVY COTTAGE**, Slad Road, Slad  
Proposed first floor extension to south elevation together with alterations to existing roof, first floor extension and dormer to west elevation, dormer to north elevation.

S.18/1418/TCA **THE CROFT**, Sheepscombe  
Walnut tree in the rear garden next to the overhead wires This tree stands approximately 14.00m tall with a radial crown spread of about 6.0m. Reduce the height by approximately 4.0m and the longest spread by about 4.0m. Prune to clear the wires by at least 2.0m.

S.18/1519/TPO **FRITH WOOD**, Bulls Cross  
Refer to Frith Wood Management Plan actions.

## CONSENT

S.18/1087/LBC **EDGE HILL FARM**, The Green, Edge  
Repoint front elevation of house in lime mortar, repoint North gable on main

house, minor repairs to other stonework as required.

S.18/1115/HHOLD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 **PARKFIELD COTTAGES**, The Park  
Replacement roof and cladding external walls with render - resubmission of S.17/2652/HHOLD

S.18/1125/HHOLD 23 **UPPER WASHWELL**  
Replacement roof, new external wall render and timber cladding

S.18/1124/HHOLD 22 **UPPER WASHWELL**  
Replacement roof, new external wall render and timber cladding.

S.18/0516/LBC **LOVEDAYS MILL**, Beech Lane  
Proposal for new Entrance porch to 19th century Mill extension, in addition to renewal of roof coverings, new external door opening to rear, replacement of existing Kitchen door, and various repairs to building fabric.

S.18/1149/HHOLD **STEPPING STONE COTTAGE**, Kings Mill Lane  
Resubmission of S.18/003/HHOLD for the erection of a replacement garage.

S.18/1157/HHOLD **DETCOMBE HOUSE**, Bulls Cross, Sheepscombe  
Alterations and extensions (Revisions to Planning Ref: S.17/2379/HHOLD. to inc. covered store between annex and garage).

## MINI-ADS

**Help required** by “not-so-young” gardener, with not so tidy garden! An interest in trimming topiary would be helpful but not essential. Cake and tea provided. Contact 01452 813503 or 07512 554009

Nice **4 panel wood & rice paper screen** with wood dividers on each panel - each panel measure 45cmW x 180cmH - vg condition £20 ono – 07946 915317

**Garden help needed.** Ideal summer job. Call Karen 07768 594669 or kshargreaves@hotmail.com

**Girl Friday/helper needed** for dog walking and household duties (not cleaning). Ideal summer job. Call Karen 07768 594669 or kshargreaves@hotmail.com

**Kenwood Smoothie maker** – hardly used £20. **Magimix Le Duo Juicer**, with attachments. Little used. Makes excellent juice £50 (in excess of £150 new). **Ladies Bowls Shoes** Size 5. Tan, slip on style. Worn once. £25. 01452 814818

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# The Personal Column

## Congratulations

To ROSS JONES and BEV WHITING on the birth of their son Ralph Roman Jones on June 29th at Canton Acre, Painswick. Mother and baby are doing well and Iris is doing a great job as a big sister.

To SOPHIE BARNETT, daughter of Nigel and Jennifer Barnett, who has gained a 2:1 BSc (Hons) in Biology from Cardiff University. Sophie spent a year in Madrid as part of her four-year course, working in a research lab at San Pablo University.

To EWEN BOWEN (grandson of Ann Daniels) who has graduated with a BSc(Hons). He is now a qualified Mental Health Nurse. Well done.

To MATILDA SMITH, who is eight years old and lives in Painswick. Tilly attends The Croft School and has been a member of the Gloucester Cathedral Junior Choir for two years. At the end of year prize giving she won a prize for making the greatest progress.

The picture shows Tilly receiving the prize from Adrian Partington, Director

of Music. After an audition she has now been awarded a place in the Cathedral Girl Choristers and she begins this next step by being officially admitted to the choir and getting a cassock in September. Sadly, the girl choristers do not get any bursary to attend Kings School as the boys do but perhaps this will change in time. Tilly sang at the wedding of her grandmother Liz Butler to Hywel James in February.



## Birth announcements

The Beacon is happy to publish any announcements of local births. Please send details to Vicky Aspinall on 812379 or [rgrasp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rgrasp@tiscali.co.uk)



## Volunteering in the Community

The Beacon hopes to run a feature, possibly in October or November, highlighting the work that is done by volunteers in Painswick, and the opportunities that are available to anybody who would like to volunteer.

Any organisations that would like to feature, either in terms of the contribution that is made to the Community, or in terms of their need for volunteers, are invited to contact us on [pbeaconeditor@gmail.com](mailto:pbeaconeditor@gmail.com)

## Condolences

To the family and friends of ANN DORMAN, formerly of Tilling, Kingsmill Lane, who sadly passed away on 20th July. She will be sadly missed by her husband Charles, her family and her many friends in Painswick and Arnside, Cumbria.

You could help Vicky Aspinall, if you would send information about those you know for whom a mention in the Personal Column would be appreciated.

## 100 Years ago

Reported in Gloucestershire Echo 14th August 1908

Fanny Perks, married woman of Wickeridge, Painswick, was fined 2/6 costs for assaulting George Reeves, farmer of Wickeridge, by throwing a bucket of water over him on August 8th. Defendant had rented a cottage and farm, and arising out of a dispute over the water supply, the woman threw the water over the complainant.

Carol Maxwell

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